



End of term Newsletter Summer 2025

As we approach the end of term, we need to reflect on the success of this year and look forward to all of the exciting developments for next year. I will try and balance both of these in this newsletter.

We have had an incredibly busy term, with a wonderful sports day and athlete event, some great trips, and we also now have had confirmation that we will be opening our specialist resource provision in September.

Our Year 6s all worked incredibly hard in their SATs, and they are putting their final few touches to what I have no doubt will be a fabulous performance. We want to thank them for all of their hard work during their time with us, and wish them the best of luck for next year. I am sure they will represent our school fabulously as they start at their new schools.

We sadly will be saying goodbye to Mr Hawtree, but we will be welcoming Mr Mullins, our new Deputy Headteacher, and Mrs Robinson and Miss Davis as class teachers, I am sure you will give them a very warm welcome as they join us in September.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer break, and we can't wait to see you in your new classes in September!

Mr Clark

Dates



01.09.25 - INSET day - no children

02.09.25 - Start of term - 8:25a.m. - 8:35a.m. gates are open.

08.09.25 - Year 3/4 PSHE open afternoon and book fair - 2:30p.m.

09.09.25 Year 5/6 PSHE open afternoon and book fair - 2:30p.m.

10.09.25 Book fair - final date

01.10.25 - School photos

24.10.25 - INSET day - no children

27.10.25 - 31.10.25 - Half term

03.11.25 - Start of term

Changes for next year



Please note the following changes for next year:

Communication - we will no longer be using Class Dojo. From September, you will be able to message teachers directly through the My Child At School App. By using this App, it will mean that messages are not lost. All urgent messages should still be sent to school.office@studleystmarys.covmat.org¹

The school gate will be open at 8:25a.m. and closed at 8:35a.m., when all children should be in school.

Forest School - for forest school sessions, children should come in dark joggers/tracksuit trousers with a plain navy/black jumper or hoody with their PE top. They can bring PE kit of school uniform to change in to after forest school if they like. Children can bring waterproof trousers and tops.

Long hair should be tied up, and children should only be wearing small stud earrings.

¹<mailto:school.office@studleystmarys.covmat.org>

Specialist Resource Provision



I am delighted to confirm that we have received approval for our Specialist Resource Provision (Birch Class) to open in September 2025. Works will be taking place over the summer to welcome children after the summer holidays. The Provision will be led by Mr O'Neill, who will be the specialist resource provision teacher, supported by Ms Stevens and Miss Harvey. We are all incredibly excited to be able to work with Warwickshire County Council on this project. We will be sharing finished pictures with you next year.

Sports Day and Athlete Event



What a fantastic Sports Day we had this year! Despite the soaring temperatures, the energy and excitement from our children made for a memorable occasion. The day kicked off with the children divided into seven thrilling activities that challenged their skills and encouraged teamwork. They gave their all in penalty and netball shooting, showed great precision with

bean bag and javelin throwing, hopped with enthusiasm during skipping and side jumping, and took on the classic egg and spoon race with plenty of giggles and determination!

After the activities, it was time for the real excitement: the individual races! The cheers from the sidelines encouraged every child as they dashed towards the finish line, embodying the essence of Sports Day. The highlight of the event was undoubtedly the race for the overall winners, which turned out to be a nail-biter! The competitors pushed themselves to the limits, and it was thrilling to watch as the runners crossed the line in such close proximity to one another.

A huge thank you to the young leaders from the high school who stepped in to help run the activities. Their enthusiasm and support were invaluable, and we truly couldn't have managed without them. All in all, it was a day filled with sport, laughter, and camaraderie, reminding us of the joy of taking part. We can't wait for next year's Sports Day!

Nekoda Smythe-Davis visited our school in the afternoon. She represents Great Britain in Judo. Raised in North-West London, Nekoda started judo when a lady came to do a demonstration at her school. She signed up for after-school classes and soon started spending weekends driving around the country to compete. Sometimes she won, sometimes she lost, but she would always have an ice cream to celebrate at the end of the day! Now, she travels the world performing on big stages, at the Olympics, World championships and many more! Nekoda's session kicked off with a lively round-robin selection of activities held in the hall. Students buzzed with excitement as they had the chance to interact with the athlete, trying their hand at various high-intensity exercises and learning new skills and values along the way. The atmosphere was electric, filled with laughter and friendly competition, as pupils pushed their limits and cheered each other on.

Later in the day, our guest delivered an inspirational assembly, sharing her remarkable journey to the Olympics. Her captivating storytelling painted a vivid picture of the hard work, dedication, and resilience required to reach such heights. Students were captivated by her anecdotes about training, setbacks, and the moments of triumph that defined her path. The assembly sparked a sense of ambition and motivation among our pupils, encouraging them to pursue their dreams, no matter how challenging. It was truly a memorable day, and we are grateful for the athlete's visit, and that she was gentle with Mr Clark when she showed the children so judo moves! We hope to carry forward the inspiration she brought to our school community! Finally, we raised a fantastic £1005.00 so thank you for your generosity and support.









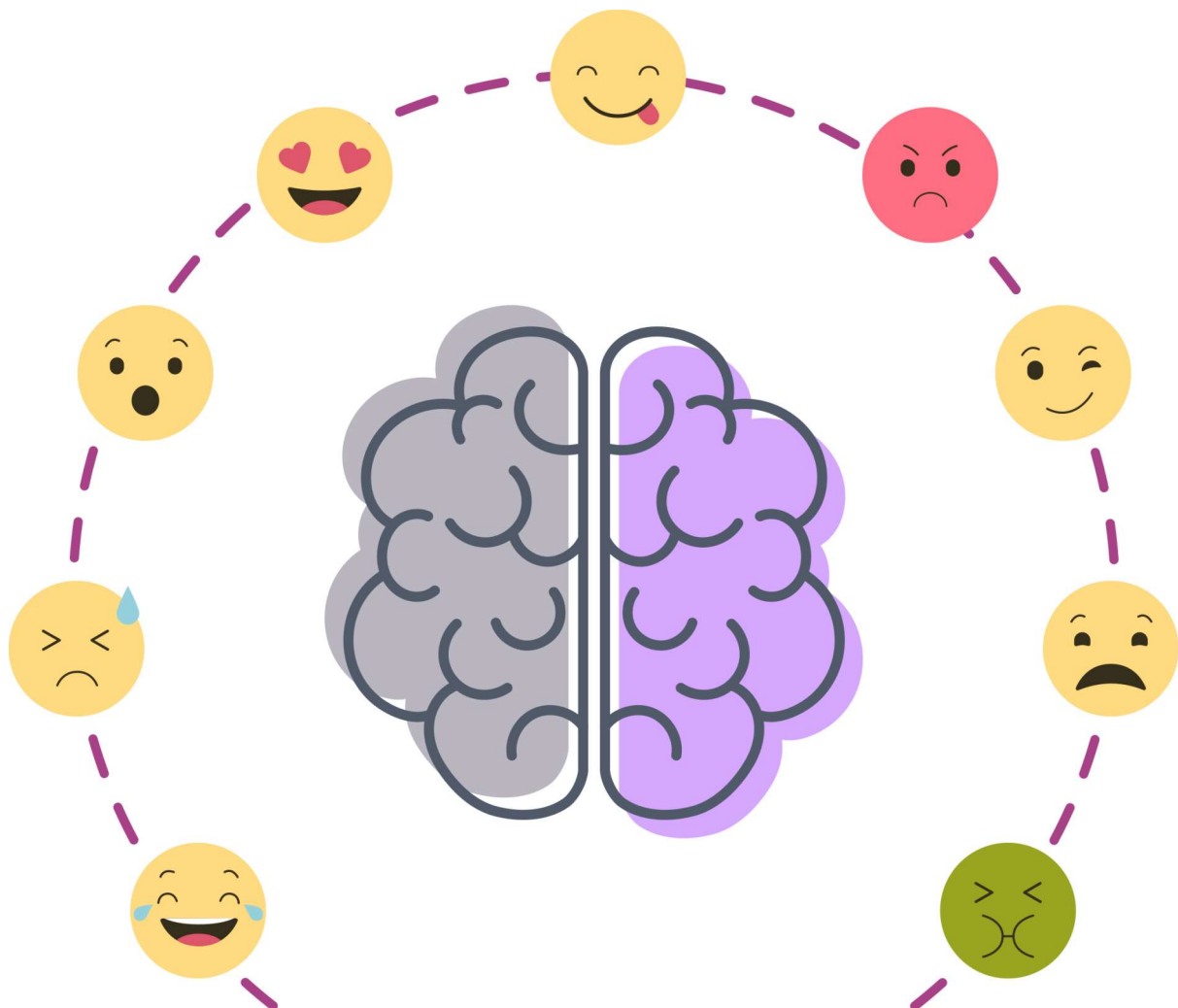








Open afternoons



In September, we will be holding our open afternoons for Year 3 and 4 on Monday 8th September, and for Year 5 and 6 on Tuesday 9th September. This term, our focus will be on PHSE with our new scheme, My Happy Mind.

The afternoon will run as follows:

2:30p.m. arrive and go in to your child's class to see some of a 'live' PSHE session.

2:45p.m. return to the hall for an understanding of PSHE at the school with Mr Clark

3:05p.m. collect your children and come along to the book fair.

We have had great successes at our September book fairs, and it is a great opportunity for us to be able to use our rewards to buy brand new books for each classroom.

Lost property



All lost property will be coming out daily this week. Please make sure you look as uniform will then enter our second hand collection, and any water bottles or lunch boxes will be disposed of over the summer break.

Languages

From September, we have made the decision to move to French as the language that we will be teaching, which is in-line with the languages offer that is in place with Studley High School. We will continue to use the same format of our languages lessons which our children are used to. Our website curriculum area will be updated over the summer break.

Year 6, well done and good luck



Our Year 6s are finishing the Year with a bang, with a fantastic end of year performance and an amazing enterprise afternoon. They did really well in their SATs, and had a great time on the residential. Thank you for all being great role models, we are sure you will continue to do us proud next year!







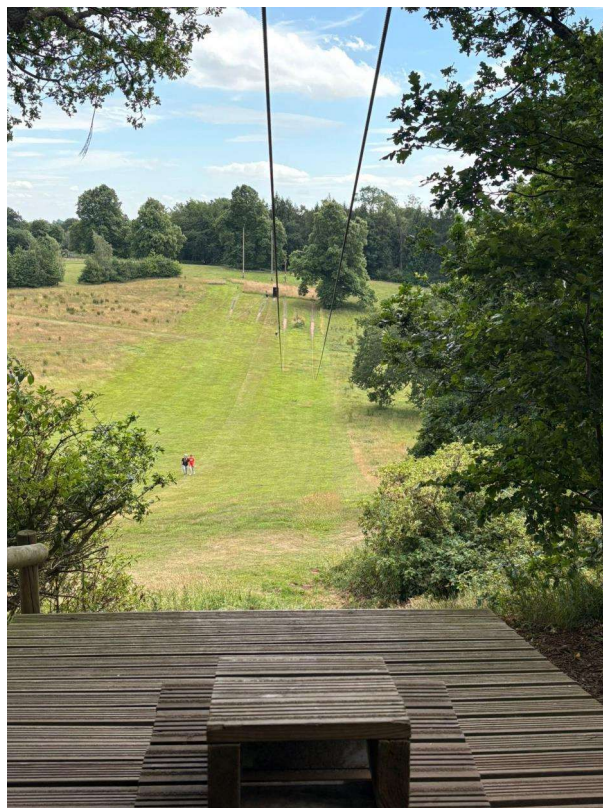




Year 5s



Our Year 5s got ready for next year's residential with a sleepover at school and then an activity day at Blackwell Adventure. We wanted to encourage as many children as possible to get used to staying away so that they feel more confident next year. It was quite a late night, but the children were great and they all pushed themselves out of their comfort zone.









Super Kind and School Council



We are Super Proud to have achieved the *Superkind Social Impact Award* this school year!

The *Superkind Social Impact Award* recognises schools where pupils take real action to make the world a kinder, fairer place. It empowers children to become active citizens by giving them the tools to stand up for causes they care about and see that their voices and actions truly make a difference.

This year, our pupils have worked hard to earn this award by taking part in a range of meaningful activities — from organising an anti-bullying protest, fundraising for Ronald McDonald Houses and our local foodbank, to litter picking in our local community, planting daffodils to brighten our surroundings, and making posters to raise awareness about important issues such as Children's Mental Health Week.

Through Superkind, our children have learned that small actions can have a big impact. They've built confidence, teamwork skills, empathy and a sense of responsibility for the world around them — qualities that will help them grow into thoughtful, caring young people.

We couldn't be prouder of what we've achieved together!





Multi-faith visits



To support with our RE learning, and to go alongside our already established visits to St Mary's Church in Studley, the children have really enjoyed being able to see what they have learned about other religions in person. As children pass through the school, they will get the opportunity to visit a number of different place of worship to help broaden their understanding. We have been fortunate enough to visit the Gurdwara Temple, Birmingham Synagogue, and Redditch Central Mosque whilst also visiting the church for Experience Harvest, an Easter murder mystery, the nativity and carols.







Stationary



From September all children will be provided with shared stationary to use, however we understand some children would like their own equipment.

Children can bring the following from home:

- A plain pencil case, ideally transparent, no bigger than 30x13cm.

•Own glue stick, ruler showing cm and mm, HB pencil (no large pencil toppers) to write with, pencil sharpener, rubber, colouring pencils and/or colouring pens (no hand writing pens, these will be provided by school).

Unfortunately, we cannot accept any responsibility for lost pencil cases or equipment.

To ensure we can continue to enrich the curriculum, we do ask for a voluntary donation of £10 per family to support our curriculum resources (this can include, but is not limited to, ingredients for cooking lessons, additional resources for design and technology lessons and art resources). This donation can be made via the My Child at School App and can be located in the App under 'clubs' with the credit card symbol.

After school clubs - September



Sprint Active Education will be offering wrap around care and after school clubs at Studley, St Mary's from September. Communication has been sent out to book your places direct with them.